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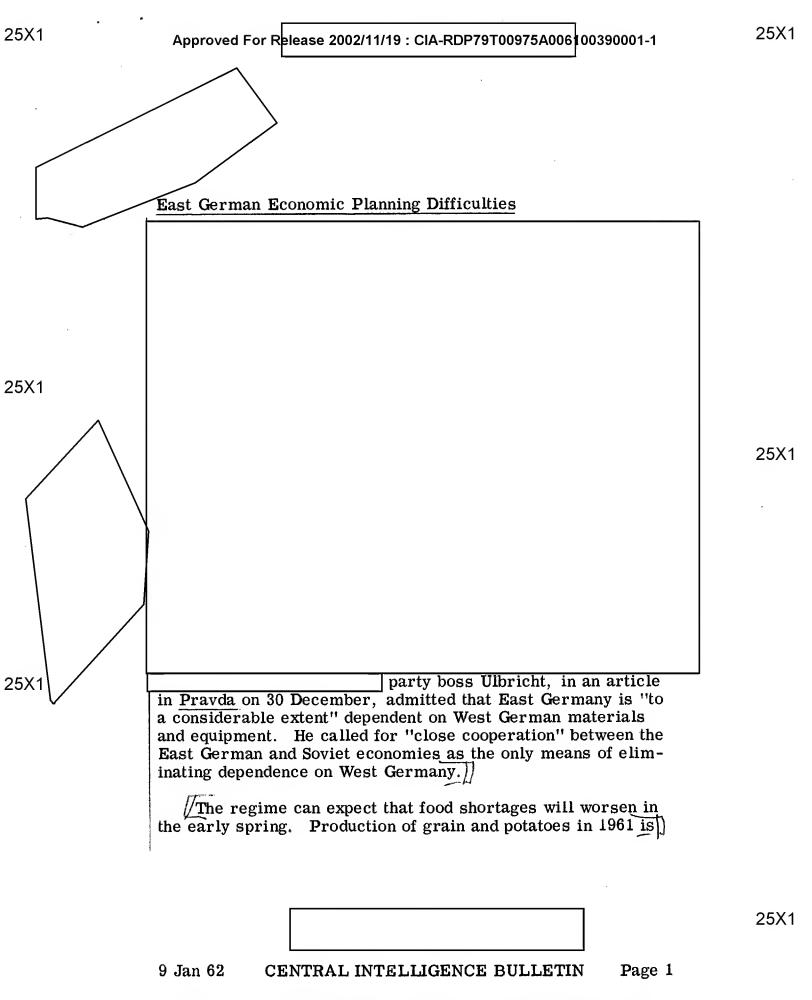
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#### DAILY BRIEF

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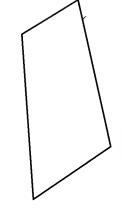
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The cold weather in East Germany is compounding annual winter fuel problems. The regime has asked the public to conserve heat and has reportedly cut back the supply of gas for heating public buildings and factories in order to supply the population

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